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Post offers the following five Rwandan women as our contribution to the roster of key women requested by the Department:

Jeannette Kagame, First Lady of Rwanda. Participates in a wide variety of civil society efforts to expand opportunities for women and vulnerable populations. Contact information: Presidency Press Secretary Yolande Makolo, telephone (250)0830-6800, ymakolo@gov.rw.

Aisa Kirabo-Kacyira, Mayor of Kigali, President of RALGA (Rwanda Association of Local Government Authorities). Activist and dynamic mayor of the capital city, also heads the autonomous civil servant association that takes a leading role in shaping the extensive decentralization effort now underway in Rwanda. Contact information: telephone (250) 573-684, akirabo@kigalicity.org.

Domitilla Mukantaganzwa, Executive Secretary of the National Service of Gacaca Jurisdictions. Directs the nationwide exercise in justice and reconciliation being conducted by 1545 gacaca courts (modernized versions of traditional village courts), trying genocide suspects and establishing the truth of the events of the 1994 genocide. Contact information: telephone (250) 58-66-48, gacaca@rwandatell1.rwanda1.com.

Joy Ndungutse, CEO of Gahaya Links, a booming handicraft export business with supply contracts with Macys department store and other American outlets, works with women's cooperatives who supply the baskets and other items, expanding economic opportunity for rural women. Contact information: telephone (250) 0830-7250, joyndungutse@yahoo.com.

Jacqueline Rusilibya, President of Profemme Twesehamwe, an umbrella organization of women's NGOs, takes leading role in shaping women's issues and civil society concerns throughout Rwanda. Contact information: Executive Secretary Agnes Mujawayezu, telephone (250) 0850-3211, auwayez@yahoo.fr.
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